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**U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree**  
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## ***2013 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington D.C.***

**Colville, WA** – After 21 days, 5,474.61 miles and 27 stops, the 2013 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree was delivered safe and sound to the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Building early Monday morning on November 25. The tree was unwrapped at Andrews Air Force Base Sunday night prior to making its way to the U.S. Capitol building for the official hand-off to the Capitol grounds crew Monday morning.

The tree will be set up and decorated this week in preparation for the lighting ceremony on December 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, John Boehner, and six-year-old student, Giovanni Gayner, from Colville, Washington will light the tree.

The 65 companion trees that accompanied the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree across the country will be delivered to the Washington congressional delegation and USDA offices throughout the Capitol this week. Along with the trees, each office will receive a handmade tree skirt by local Washington Girl Scout Troops and thousands of handmade ornaments made by Washington students.

For more information on the 2013 Capitol Christmas Tree, visit (<http://capitolchristmastree.com/>). You can also follow the tree on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/capitolchristmastree2013>) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/CapitolTree2013](http://www.twitter.com/CapitolTree2013)).

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